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"PRODUCT AND METHOD FOR TREATING JOINT DISORDERS IN VERTEBRATES"

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This is a Continuation application of pending prior application No. 09/341,000 filed June 28, 1999, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent No. 5,916,565, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/013,025. The entire disclosure of the prior applications and registration, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, are considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and are hereby incorporated by reference.

Enclosed for filing with the above-identified utility patent application, please find the following:

- 1. [X] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- 2. [X] Copy of Oath/Declaration from the above-referenced pending prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
- 3. [X] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS/PTO-1449)
- 4. [X] Preliminary Amendment
- 5. [X] Return Postcard (MPEP 503) (should be specifically itemized)
- 6. [X] A check in the amount of \$412.00 is enclosed.

## FEE CALCULATION:

Cancel in this application original Claims 1 - 24 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

				(COL. 2*) NO. EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY			LARGE ENTITY	
	(COL. 1) NO. FILED		RATE		FEE		RATE	FEE	
BASIC FEE:						\$370.00	OR		\$740.00
TOTAL CLAIMS:	9	-	20	0	X \$9 =	\$0.00	OR	X \$18 =	
INDEP. CLAIMS:	4		3	1	X \$42 =	\$42.00	OR	X \$84 =	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					+ \$140 =	\$0.00	OR	+\$280 =	
*IF THE DIFFERENCE IN COL. 2 IS LESS THAN ZERO, ENTER "O" IN COL. 2.					TOTAL:	\$412.00		J <sub>e</sub>	

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- 3. [X] The Small Entity Statement was filed in the above-referenced prior application. Small Entity status is still proper and desired.

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- 4. [X] The Powe Stroney appears in the original papers of the original papers of the original papers of the original papers.
- 5 [X] The prior application is assigned to In Clover. Inc.
- Please amend the specification by inserting the following after the title and before the Field of Invention:

## -- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

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